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MEDS RECON PROBLEM

As you are aware we installed the MEDS Reconciliation enhancement over the September 30th 2005 weekend. There was an error in the logic that was used to select the Medi-Cal eligibility segment; instead of selecting the most current active segment the oldest segment was selected. The logic has been corrected and we will rerun the process this week. However, the logic is set to not select any eligibility segment if there is no active segment at the time the reconciliation is run. What this means is that if there was Medi-Cal in the first two months of the last quarter but none in the last month the Medi-Cal eligibility segment will be blank.

We recognize that this will impact the quarterly reporting and may cause some under reporting of the Medi-Cal cases. Unfortunately, there is no way for us to correct this at this time. If you believe that your Medi-Cal count has been impacted you can indicate this when you submit your report.

In order to prevent this in the future we will be modifying the logic for the quarterly report to keep a month by month record of the client's Medi-Cal status so that if there was Medi-Cal eligibility in any one of the months in the quarter it will show on the report. This change will be implemented prior to the next quarter.

There has been some concern expressed that SARs issued with this outdated Medi-Cal number will not work, this is not the case. If a provider bills with this number the claim will process correctly or if the provider follows current Medi-Cal instructions and checks eligibility and uses the number that is returned from the inquiry that number will work also. There is no need to go back and change SARs issued with the old outdated Medi-Cal number on them.

We apologize for the inconvenience; however, we believe that the corrected system will allow for more accurate reporting and case management.

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